ST. ROSE OF LIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please join us in celebration
of

DEACON NORM ROOS' 25TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY
LARRY GARDNER'S RETIREMENT AS FOLK CHOIR LEADER

RECEPTION

SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
11:30 AM MASS

IN THE
BELL GARDENS

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,
RECEPTION WILL BE IN THE
MONSIGNOR WEISS
GATHERING HALL

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 14
6:45 Robert Balancia . . . . . .The Oemcke Family
9:00 George Brooks . . . . . .Pat Brooks

Tuesday, June 15
6:45 Intentions of Marguerite Jones . . . . Mary Kaley
9:00 Joseph Gottfried . . . . The Daly Family

Wednesday, June 16
6:45 Peter, Camillo & Mary DiCrescenzo . . . . . Mary DiCrescenzo
9:00 Intentions of Walking With Purpose

Thursday, June 17
6:45 St. Rose Parishioners
9:00 Joseph Antonazzo . . . . . Nicolina Antonazzo

Friday, June 18
6:45 Jesse Roche . . . . . Family
9:00 Dile Gjoka . . . . . The Middleton Family
Sean & James Purcell . . . . The McGuirk Family

Saturday, June 19
8:00 Neil Unger . . . . . Debbie & Tim Reilly
4:00 Christopher Lemone & Dolores Dellipoali . . . . . The Lemone Family
Margaret O'Connor . . . . . Michael O'Connor

Sunday, June 20
7:30 Barbara Latorre . . . . . J. J. Sheehan
9:30 Craig Hoekenga, Sr. . . . Jeanine Parsons & Family
11:30 Armand Luzi, Sr., Omer Gingras & Jack Mancino . . . . . Marilyn & Dick Gingras
5:00 Patsy Villano . . . . . Mary Lee & Bob Cannone

FOR THOSE ATTENDING A PARKING LOT MASS, TURN YOUR RADIO DIAL TO 89.9 FM TO LISTEN TO THE MASS. AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER WILL BRING COMMUNION OUT TO THE PARKING LOT FOR THOSE WISHING TO RECEIVE COMMUNION.

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Jeanne Mercurio as requested by the Gerbo Family.

Reminder!
Our weekend mass schedule has been changed to:

Saturday—	8:00 a.m.	Sunday—	7:30 a.m.
Vigil	4:00 p.m.		9:30 a.m.
			11:30 a.m.
			5:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into our parish family those who were baptized during the month of May, 2021.

Lucca Ryan Alcantara
Owen Christopher Bocuzzo
Harper Grace DelRe
Skylar Anthony Geoghegan
David Albert Keogler
Bennett Matthew Mascolo
Nikolas Luke Pavlovic
Leo Michael Pickerill
Chiara Marie Taylor

Church Collections

Question:

Where does the money go that is collected each week at Church?

Answer:

This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations, including the basic operation of the buildings, salaries, maintenance, and improvements. In addition, there are schools to support, programs to run, charities to be funded, and operational expenses like hosts and wine for Mass, music books, vestments, and so on. In some cases, cemeteries and other buildings need attention. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese and the support services provided to each parish.

Most parishes manage to get by with the collection, a few fundraisers and endowments. But contrary to popular opinion, cash flow is also a problem, and many parishes operate in the red. The Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management, and good stewardship is the basis for successful programs. ©LPi

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Sunday Offertory May, 2021	**$95,854.00**
Sunday Offertory May, 2020 (5 weeks)	**92,104.00**
Special Monthly	**6,925.00**
Ascension	**2,211.00**
Catholic Communication	**1,233.00**

PRAYER FOR ALL VOCATIONS

Eternal Father, life is Your gift to me.
Through Baptism You invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others.
Give me the courage and generosity to respond to Your call.
Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, You asked us to pray that good laborers be sent into the world.
Grant us generous shepherds to guide and teach the path of salvation.
Holy Spirit, eternal spring of joy and peace, it is You who make effective every impetus towards good, truth and charity.
Open the hearts of our young men and women so that a new flowering of holy vocations may proclaim the love of God and the truth of the Gospel.

Rogationist Publications

Not Getting Parish E-mails? If not, then you're missing all the news! Stay up to date with schedule changes, important announcements and all that is happening in our vibrant community.
Email Content@strosechurch.com or call the Rectory office at 203-426-1014 to sign up for our periodic emails.

A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR BOB

As we watch our gardens grow and our flowers and plants flourish, we can easily understand the parable of this weekend's Gospel. The image of the mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, is a powerful reminder to all of us about our faith. We are blessed with that small seed of faith when we were created by God. That seed was nurtured with the love of our parents and watered in the new life of Baptism. In time it becomes our responsibility to keep that plant of faith growing with the help of God's grace.

> **"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, it is the smallest of all seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."**

This simple imagery helps us understand the gift of faith if we allow it to grow within us. In our early years, we are blessed by those who show us faith by their word and example. As we age, we discover the path to holiness for ourselves. Unfortunately there are too many today who walk another path; a path that takes them away from the Lord and the teachings of Jesus Christ. That seed of faith becomes dormant and we see the difference between the seed that is nurtured and the seed that does not grow. Just take a look at this world in which we are living. The division, the hate, the anger, the violence, the disregard for human life, the brokenness in relationships and a continuing litany of darkness that tries to dim the light of Christ. We need to let our seeds of faith grow even in the midst of all that surrounds us and we need to encourage others to do the same. We need to build up this Kingdom of God if we truly want peace, justice and hope. Saint Paul gives us a sober reminder when our days on this earth come to an end: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." That day will come for all of us, so keep nurturing that seed of faith.

CONGRATULATIONS DEACON NORM ROOS ON YOUR TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE! We are truly blessed by your vocation to serve, which you do generously and lovingly. Deacon Norm has served at Saint Mary's Parish in Ridgefield, at the retreat center on Enders Island, taught religion at Saint Joseph High School and ministered to the people of Saint Rose since 2005. He has a true love for the Church and for Scripture which is evidenced in his homilies and his teachings. Special thanks to his wife, Mary, who is a great support for Norm in his ministry. The wife and family of a deacon sacrifice a great deal in order that he can serve the Lord and His Church. Norm, on behalf of all of us and all those you have generously served through the years, may this anniversary remind you of the difference you have made in our lives and may it hold many wonderful memories for you.

> **"You have been told what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: only to do right and to love goodness and to WALK humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)**

Keep on walking, Norm! Thank you! Bless you! Ad multos annos!

THANKS TO LARRY GARDNER AS HE RETIRES AS OUR FOLK CHOIR COORDINATOR! Larry has been an integral part of our Folk Choir since its inception in 2000. Week after week, he has led us in our liturgies and helped us lift our hearts and minds to the Lord through contemporary and classical folk liturgical music. This has been a contemporary and classical folk liturgical music. This has been a volunteer position as are most of our liturgical musicians. He brings his love for the Lord and the Church alive through his guitar and direction. Thanks to his wife, Sharon, and his family who have supported him in this ministry. Sharon has also been involved as a Reader for as many years. Sharon is retiring from her teaching career and she and Larry are heading south to enjoy the fruits of their labors!

> **"SING joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness: come before him with JOYFUL SONG!" (Psalm 100)**

All the best to Larry and Sharon. We will miss you and your goodness.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION HONORING BOTH DEACON NORM AND LARRY FOLLOWING OUR 11:30 LITURGY IN THE BELL GARDEN. It means a great deal to those who minister to the Lord to know the difference they make in our lives and simply offer them our thanks!

Religious EDUCATION

REGISTRATION Coming Soon:
June is Registration time for 2021-2022 Religious Education classes. Before we open registration, here are some reminders: Grade 1 is a pre-requisite for receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion in Grade 2. Likewise, Grade 7 is a preparation year before receiving Confirmation at the end of Grade 8.

KINDERGARTEN CLASSES:
This Fall, Kindergarten classes will be available to families who either delayed Kindergarten last year, or would like to introduce their child to faith formation at an earlier age.

ATTENTION CATECHISTS:
Now that the school year is over, we are looking ahead to the Fall. We are so happy that our catechists had a successful and safe school year, and are eager to return again to teach. Please return your Catechist Volunteer Form to Mary Craig so that we may consider a teaching spot for you in the Fall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
If you are interested in being a catechist, co-catechist, teacher's aide, hospitality or office volunteer, please contact our office so that we may include you in our plans for the coming school year. Contact Mary Craig, at 203-426-2333, Ext. 2 for more information.

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ST. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND

The St. Rose Memorial Fund has graciously been chosen by the following families and benefactors in memory of a loved one.

Gift of Doris Hedrick in memory of Roland Laro

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the St. Rose School 8th Grade Class of 2021 who graduated from our halls June 6th but will always be in our hearts. These young men and women have been blessed with unique talents, kind hearts and true resilience. May God guide and protect them as they set forth on their high school journeys. Once a part of the St. Rose School family, always a part -- we will keep you in our prayers and look forward to hearing all about your high school experiences. Go forth and shine your light to make the world a brighter place!

We also ask God's blessings on our Kindergarten and Preschool graduates. They may be little but their hearts are big and their words are wise. We are delighted that many of these children will be staying in our halls to continue the stellar academic, faith focused education that St. Rose School has provided since 1958. We wish those students (and their families) who are heading off to different schools the very best and will always value the time you spent with us.

Help Pave the Way to Many Bright Futures -- Be a part of the St. Rose School Blooms Brick Walk! Bricks make great gifts for graduation, communion, confirmation, weddings and so many other precious life moments. The Brick Walk will be created by the Angel of Hope statue located directly in front of the school. If you or someone you know attended or is attending St. Rose School this is a wonderful way to make a lasting mark on campus and in the heart! Interested in ordering a brick? Visit **https://polarengraving.com/stroseoflimaschool or email bloomsbricks@srles.com.**

Is it time to choose a Preschool for your little one? St. Rose Preschool offers dynamic 3-year-old, 4-year-old and Transitional Kindergarten (5-year-old) programs in a nurturing environment. Come see why this could be the right fit for your family! Email admissions@srles.com or call 203-426-5102. https://www.stroseschool.com/academics/preschool. **Parents of 2-year-olds inquire about our Peek-A-Boo 2's Program.** A warm welcome awaits you!

Mark your Calendars: Last day of school for Grades 1-7, June 16th. **Check the website, ww.stroseschool.com** for the 2021-2022 school calendar and updates during the summer.

Our Heartfelt THANKS to all who support St. Rose School! Your donations enable us to provide a stellar academic, faith focused education for children in Preschool through 8th grade. We are thrilled to say that through teamwork and a lot of prayer, St. Rose School was onsite the majority of this school year. We have a rich history and a bright future because of you! Please take a look at our recent video, We're Still Blooming! which highlights the successes we achieved during this challenging year. www.stroseschool.com/giving. Every gift makes a big difference! Thank you and God Bless!

PARISH OUTREACH MINIS-

PASTORAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

PASTORAL VISITS

Are you or a family member Homebound, or in a short-term facility for Rehabilitation, in a Nursing Home, Hospital or on Hospice Care? Would you like a Pastoral/Eucharistic Minister to visit you &/or bring you **Communion?** Because of HIPPA regulations, we have no means of knowing if you are in any of the above situations unless you notify us. Please feel free to call Sister Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572. We are looking forward to your call and to serving you.

OUTREACH MINISTRY PROGRAM

The Outreach Ministry program meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center at 6:30 p.m. The program is postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first Saturday of the month in the Rectory Conference Room at 10 a.m. Meetings are postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.
Do you know someone who is sick, grieving or lonely? Consider blessing them with a prayer shawl. Call Sr. Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572 with your requests.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

During the pandemic, if anyone wants religious articles, please contact Lynda Healey (203) 300-3211 and she will help you. We have an assortment of reasonably priced items for First Communion, in addition to inspirational coffee mugs, St. Joseph home seller statues, holy water fonts, saint medals, bracelets, rosaries, and more.
The purpose of the Social Concerns Committee is to support our parishioners and neighbors in need. Our Cares Box is in the back of the church. On the 3rd weekend of every month, you'll find it in the vestibule. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to support our local organizations.
Parishioner to Parishioner ("Available" items are offered free of charge. Just make arrangements to pick them up.)
Available: Fairly new natural wood baby crib
Available: Transport wheel chair—like new
Available: Thomasville couch with coffee table and matching side table
For Social Concerns information please call: Kathleen Belmont, 203-426-3227, and leave a message. Please do not call after 7pm.

"Whatever you did to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me". Mt. 25:4

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Do you know what metabolic syndrome is? It is called the "deadly quartet", Syndrome X, and Reavens Syndrome.
More than 1/2 of Americans over 60 have it. It leads to cardiac disease, Type 2 diabetes, and stroke. The risk factors that can be changed with lifestyle changes, WHICH IS THE GOOD NEWS, are obesity, hypertension, high cholesterol, and insulin resistance by having a large abdomen from visceral fat.
YOU can prevent disease just by taking better care of yourself! Nancy Rhodes APRN-BC , parish nurse

ST. JOSEPH PROJECT

If the economy, job loss, illness or an unexpected emergency has caused your family to have difficulty regarding housing issues for St. Rose parishioners, please contact Sr. Mary Ellen at 203-426-2572. Everything is strictly confidential. St. Joseph, pray for us!
Praise the Lord! He takes care of His children!

LIFT-A-SPIRIT MEAL MINISTRY

There is nothing nicer than a home-cooked meal! For many members of our St. Rose parish family who are dealing with chronic illnesses or who are facing medical emergencies, a hot meal, made with love and prayers, is nourishing to the body and soul. Please consider joining our group. Contact Kathy: 203-456-6303.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We meet on the third Sunday of the month @38 Church Hill Road in the back entrance conference room. Please use back door. For information, contact Suzanne Vitiello at 914-409-6236. Meetings are postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Do you have cancer? Are you a cancer survivor? Are you a family member of someone who has cancer? Have you lost a loved one to cancer? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you are encouraged to attend a support group being held each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center. For more information please contact Frank Sequenzia at 203-948-1369, email: flsequenzia@gmail.com. Meetings are postponed until further notice.

ROSARY RECITATION IN CHURCH

Join us in front of the Blessed Mother statue Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. Mass.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

Become a Friendly Visitor and spend time once a month with elderly who are isolated due to illness or infirmity. Please contact Sister Mary Ellen Genova at 203-426-2572 or Mariotte Corson at 203-426-9275.

MEETINGS

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY
Meetings are postponed until further notice due to Covid.

The **FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP**
The meetings are postponed until further notice due to the Coronavirus. Questions, call Blanca at 203-426-3253 .

ST. ROSE JOB NETWORKING
Northern Fairfield Professionals (NFP) Zoom meeting is 6:00 – 7:30 pm on Tuesday, July 13. Our guest speaker, Don Wittman, will present "Linkedin Profile Teardown". This is a free network group for people looking for new opportunities or interested in professional development. *To request the zoom link for the next Northern Fairfield* Professionals (NFP) meeting, *e-mail john@itechcp.com*.

ST. ROSE PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER MEETING
Are you interested in being involved with men seeking the Lord asking for His guidance to fulfill the calling on your Life? Then this men's group is what you are looking for. Hope to see you soon! For additional information, contact Tony Evertez at tevertez@yahoo.com or (203) 917-1158. Meetings are on Thursdays **outside Holy Innocents at 10 a.m.**

PRO-LIFE & FAMILY MEETING
The next Pro-Life/Pro-Family meeting is postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus. For info, please contact Deacon Norm Roos, 203-739-0175, email: normroosjr@aol.com.

LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY
Mornings: 1st Tuesday of each month after 9 a.m. Mass
Evenings: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. **both at the Bell Garden** . The aim is to quench the infinite thirst of Jesus on the Cross for the love of souls. The Special Mission is to work for the salvation and the sanctification of the members of their own Families and of the poorest of the poor of the whole world. Come see.

WEBS - WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT BOOK STUDY
We invite you to join us in reading *Habits of Holiness: Small Steps For Making Big Spiritual Progress*, by Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, during the months of May and June. Meetings are held either outside in the Bell Garden at St, Rose (weather permitting) or virtually on Zoom on Thursdays from 10 am to 11:30 am. Please contact Elizabeth Lynch at 203-994-5106 or email her at lynchejd@gmail.com with questions or to sign up to join us.

C&L (Communion and Liberation) is an ecclesial movement in the Catholic Church based on the premise that Faith lived out in communion, is the foundation of the true liberation of man. CL website: https://english.clonline.org/. We meet every Wednesday 7:00 to 8:30 pm. on Zoom from our homes. For more information, please call at 203-426-9275 or email at mariottecorson@gmail.com .

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE: Due to the coronavirus, meetings are postponed until further notice. Prayer meetings meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. We meet from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in the Chapel. All welcome.

MEETINGS

ST. ROSE MEN'S FAITH NETWORK
Due to the coronavirus, meetings on campus are postponed. The Men's Faith Network is designed to help parish men of all ages explore what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Our primary mission is to help men grow in faith, accountability, and fellowship; emphasizing real-life application. We meet each Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Holy Innocents building. All parish men are welcome! Contact Mike Ryan at mryan9497@gmail.com

YOUNG WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP
Due to the coronavirus, the meetings are postponed until further notice.
The group meets at Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center on the fourth Tuesday of the month to present and discuss a topic relevant to widowhood. Find help dealing with the significant changes a spouse's death brings. Meet people in similar circumstances for support, friendship and understanding. For more info www.meetup.com/widows-ct or call 203-426-0481.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Meetings are held off campus until further notice.
AA meets every Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. in the upper room at 38 Church Hill Road. AA is a fellowship of men and women who help each other from Alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is an honest desire to stop drinking. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help others achieve sobriety. Come join us.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE
Walking With Purpose, a bible study for women will return in the fall...both morning (10am) and evening sessions (7pm) will be held in-person on Wednesdays. The evening session will offer a virtual option with limited space. Registration begins by June 16th. Morning session will offer "Touching the Divine" and "Opening Your Heart", Evening Session will offer "Beholding His Glory". Go to the St. Rose, WWP ministry link for details. **All WWP participants are invited to our YEAR END MASS on Wednesday June 16, 9AM in the Church followed by light refreshments**. Questions? Day Session - Contact Joanne Ihlefeld at jihlefeld@charter.net & Evening Liz Brestovansky at lizbrestovansky@gmail.com

ST. ROSE WOMEN'S CLUB –All are welcome
We are an organization of women united in faith and fellowship. We welcome any women of St. Rose Parish who have an interest in becoming members. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, SRWC is not meeting in person. For the past year SRWC members have been supporting each other and our parish by praying for the sick, the hospitalized, the recovering, and reaching out to the lonely, the needy, and the elderly, who are staying home alone. We write, call, visit if possible, inform members where there is a need, and pray for each other. Everyone is welcome to join us. On the second Tuesday of each month, some of our members meet in a home or at St. Rose Cemetery to pray the ROSARY together for the intentions of our members. On the third Thursday of each month, interested members meet for our BOOK GROUP, led by Renee Baade. Call the rectory with any questions.

Pro-Life

"On Friday, May 28th, President Biden released his Fiscal Year 2022 budget in which he proposes to eliminate the Hyde Amendment and some related pro-life provisions. Calling for elimination of Hyde in a president's budget is unprecedented. The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion. The Hyde Amendment has been part of every appropriations bill since 1976, with strong bipartisan support. Now the President and Democratic leaders want to exclude the amendment from all future spending bills. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is urging all Catholics to take action to preserve the Hyde Amendment by signing a petition and contacting their U.S. Senators and Representatives." Visit https://action.ctcatholicpac.org/ to learn more and take action.

Stop your tax dollars from going to abortion! www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com

For more information on the Church's guidance on moral questions in regards to vaccines and aborted fetal tissue, please visit https://www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research

"It is so hard to express in words what a unique experience adoption has been for us. It has been quite a journey facing infertility, as well as so many unknowns and acts of kindness and sacrifice—all with so many emotions— which led to the growth of our family. There were times when our faith was shaken and we weren't sure if we could handle our cross. But adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."
-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "An Adoption Love Story"

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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE SERVING US
May God keep special watch over these men and women serving in the United States Military

United States Army
LTC Andra Allison
MAJ Robert A. Bassett, DO
PFC Ryan J. Bepko
PVT Jack Carello
2LT Patrick Carello
SGT Daniel Cartisano
PVT Ronald Corris
SSG Anthony T. D'Aquila

1LT Stephen Gardner
MAJ Rachel (Askue) Hoffman
CPT Michael Hubbard
CPT Tucker Hughes
CPT Paul M. Kearney
LTC Matthew A. LaRocca
WO Rylan McCullom
SGT Thomas J. Merrifield
LTC Sean Pond
SPC Matthew Rahtelli
1LT Liam Thies
LTC Benjamin Wallen
COL Peter J. Whalen
CPT Daniel Wilcox

United States Air Force
SSgt. Daniel Carlson
Capt. Keegan Frobey Matchett
A1C Alexandria Matjievic
SSgt. Travis Mueller
Lt Co John Murphy
SrA Emily Pieretti
MSgt James Rebman
Maj Drew Taylor
Capt Katie Taylor
TSgt Daniel West
Capt Kimberly Solheim West
Capt Jessica Zencey
Capt Gregory Zencey
Maj Philip Zencey

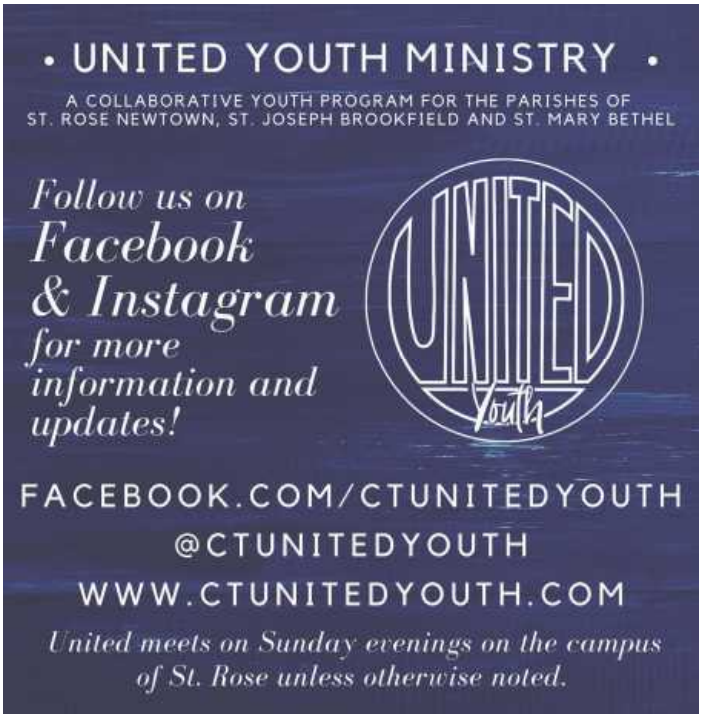
U.S. Coast Guard
SN Charles Agius
LTJG Logan C. Mars
LT Scott B. Nichols
LT Meridith A. Palo
CDR Paul D. Tessitore

United States Navy
ENS Julia Davis
SN Philip DeMayo
SN Danielle Godejohn
LT Andrew Golankiewicz
LT Alex Islin
LT Allison Kirk Islin
CPO Daniel J. Kearns, Sr.
LT Daniel Kirk
ENS Michael Kirk
CDR Timothy Krippendorf
BUMC Robert James Mandulak
LT Brian Murphy
CAPT John Porado
SN Eric Ralson, Jr.
CPO Matthew Sidor
CDR Joseph P. Smith
PO1 Christopher Szabbo

Army National Guard
WO2 Matthew Bergquist
LTC Todd Bookless
PFC Louis Enriquez
SGT Thomas Monckton
CPT Matthew D. Seibert

United States Marines

WO1 Michael Costello
Cpl Sean C. Decker
2ndLT Jackie Fisher
Cpl Robert W. Hoyt, Jr.
Pvt Christopher Manfredi
PFC Luke T. Miller
LCpl Ian Montgomery
Col David L. Morgan II
LCpl Lucas T. Vendel
PFC Patrick Zingaro



ALL VOLUNTEERS in the Diocese of Bridgeport are required to comply with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy. Part of this policy is attending the program, Protecting God's Children. If you wish to help in any way within the parish or Diocese, please register at www.virtus.org. If you attended the class more than 5 years ago, you need to be recertified. If you have any questions or need help with recertification, please contact Doreen or Kelly in the Rectory office 203-426-1014.

Online Giving

If you haven't already, please consider making your contributions through Online Giving, a convenient, safe, secure option which makes use of current technology and security standards. Your gift will be transferred from your preferred method of payment directly to our parish. It is simple and flexible, and allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. How: 1-Visit our website: StRoseChurch.com 2-Click on the Giving Link on the top right side of page 3-Complete the online registration form.

Call Doreen at the rectory 203-426-5250 for assistance or more info.

FAITH FOOD PANTRY
Is located on St. Rose Campus
46 Church Hill Rd. (Next to Knights of Columbus Hall.)

Hours: Tues. 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Thurs. 4-6 p.m.
BY APPOINTMENT

If questions, call 203-426-5604 Or 203-837-0816

Food can be dropped off at Village Perk, The Newtown Bee, Caraluzzi's Market, Fisio Therapy, Popowich Chiropractor, Barre Boutique. Volunteers must be 21 and over and Virtus trained.

DIACONATE DISCOVERY EVENINGS

Watch for future dates and meanwhile speak to any of the clergy if you are having a sense of a call to the diaconate.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #185

Do you know a neighbor in need? The Knights are here to help. Contact Community Service Committee Member, Harold Brennan at 203-704-0083 or 203-426-3661. Ever thought of becoming a Knight? For more information contact Guy Mascolo at 203-837-0466 or mascologuy@yahoo.com

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES CIRCLE #1307:

The male youth division of the Knights of Columbus, serving St. Rose and the community, is the largest circle in North America. Want to join the group? Contact Matt Rahtelli, (203) 885 4987, or email him at mrahtelli2@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing our insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information please contact Jon Starr, General Agent at 203-803-6433 or Jon Starr@kofc.org

DOROTHY DAY HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY—Spring St., Danbury, CT. We are seeking new volunteers the **third Wednesday** of every month from 1-5 p.m. to set up, serve and clean up. Must be **16** years of age. **Must be dependable**. Contact Marcia Izzo at 203-733-9655.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a $100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at https://wwmectw.org/.

Is your marriage bearing great fruit? Find out how to have a fruitful marriage by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Thursdays/Mondays Jul 8-29

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THE FACE OF PRAYER
The Face of Prayer recently launched phase two of its campaign to create an interactive video catechism based on the questions and concerns of young people. Visit www.thefaceofprayer.com to view over one hundred and forty questions answered by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano and other bishops, priests, religious, and lay leaders across the country. Be sure to also join the movement by texting **PRAY** to **55778** to receive daily prayer alerts on your phone.

VERITAS CATHOLIC RADIO
We are on **1350AM on the radio**, and you can also live stream broadcasts through the app which is available at the Apple Store and at the Google Play Store.

Project Rachel: Do you know someone who is carrying the pain and sorrow of a past abortion? The Diocese of Bridgeport is hosting an **Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing for women** on Saturday, June 12, 2021. For confidential registration or more information, call 203-416-1619 or email projectrachel@diobpt.org. God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for you!

PROJECT BELOVED is now accepting applications for several key positions in our soon-to-open medical practice. We are seeking candidates for the following paid positions: Family Practice Physician (FT or PT), Nurse Practitioner (FT or PT), Medical Assistant (FT), and Receptionist (FT). Project Beloved Inc. is a non-profit organization whose primary objective is to establish a life-affirming medical center in Stamford, CT. Please visit www.projectbeloved.co to learn more. Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume to Project Beloved: info@projectbeloved.com.

Stay Connected with our Parish through Email, Social Media—Stay informed about important announcements and happenings at our Parish! We share COVID -19 related news and other important events via email and social media.
Write to content@strosechurch.com if you'd like to join our Parish-wide email list, or **go to our website at strosechurch.com** to get connected to our social media!

GETTING MARRIED?
The Diocese of Bridgeport offers formation for couples who wish to be married in the Catholic Church. Formation is available online in English and in person in Spanish. For more information, please visit https://formationreimagined.org/marriage-prep-reimagined/.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 13, 2021
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

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Our God-Given Gifts and Focusing on the Needs of our World and Country

Do you sense the need for more moral justice to be a part of daily living here in the US and abroad? Our time to act on this prompting from the Holy Spirit is now,.. and the Diocese of Bridgeport is interested in becoming more involved in helping – guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, by initiating a Diocesan chapter of Catholic Relief Services. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has been extremely influential in advocacy for social justice throughout the world for many years. In fact, the children of St. Rose Parish have been helping each year with their Lenten "rice bowls." This non-profit organization is not only about monetary donations, it is also geared towards guiding the people who work for us in our government – informing them of ways to help promote social justice. Last year, their focus was on ways to eliminate malaria and helping to rebuild health systems. This year, they are focusing on two major needs that are affecting many people in our world: 1. Migration (mainly caused by climate change and political climate); and hunger (which is seeing a spike due to COVID).

Please call Pam Arsenault at 203-770-6848 if you are interested in finding out more about the Bridgeport chapter of CRS. There is an introductory session about CRS on Monday evening, June 21st from 7:00-8:30 (zoom call led by CRS). There is NO obligation – this is strictly an informational meeting about the many different ways that God can use the gifts within us that we were given at our Baptism to further the Kingdom of God on earth.

Have a Minute?

It only takes that long to watch a weekly spiritual and inspirational message from Monsignor Bob.

Weiss Wednesdays: Monsignor Weiss offers thoughts and reflections on what it means to live a faith-filled life as a Roman Catholic and navigate through the challenging world around us.

Stay connected with us! Watch these videos and more on Strosechurch.com, Facebook@Stroseoflima newtown,YouTube.com/stroseoflimachurch, Twitter@strosenewtown, Instagram@stroseoflimact

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Birthright volunteers have served in Connecticut since 1972. Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world! There are 7 Birthright centers in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you. Training is provided. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed. Thank you.

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FREE MINISTRY FOR TRAVELING CATHOLICS. CHECK THE INTERNET FOR MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS AT www.masstimes.org.

The Voice of St. Rose is an online streaming Internet Service operated by St. Rose Parish. This provides a wonderful opportunity to listen in and watch the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass live weekly and all parish archives are available through our parish website strosechurch.com or the St. Rose Parish YouTube website. All scheduled Masses are streamed via the Audiocasts over the Voice of St. Rose service affectionately known as "All Things Catholic". There is additional programming carried over this audio stream from the Vatican and many sources between Mass times from around the diocese including our own Monsignor Bob's "Weiss Wednesday". For all the details see the St. Rose Parish website.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

St. Anthony Can Find Anything — Even You

"Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found."

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. "That's what you're looking for," he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

Calling all Men of St. Rose!

You are invited to attend our 12th annual
St. Rose Men's2021 New Hampshire Retreat Weekend
Friday, Oct 15-Sunday, Oct 17, 2021
Please join more the than 50 men who have attended this faith-filled and fraternal weekend over the last 11 years

Lodging is at the Holiday Inn Express in Rochester, NH
www.hiexpress.com/Rochester/HIExpress (603) 994-1175
This will be the 12th year that our group will be staying at the HIE and it works very well.
They have been opened during this recent time and have taken extra precautions to ensure everyone's health and safety.
The current rate is $279-$299/night but they are giving us the same rate as last year which is $149/night (2 night minimum). When reserving your room please tell them you are with the SRR block (St. Rose Retreat) in order to get this special rate. We reserved a block of rooms that include Single (1 king size bed) and Double (2 Queen size beds) rooms. Please let me know when you book your rooms and with whom you will be bunking (if anyone). **The deadline for our rate is August 25 so please book soon!**
We can also arrange carpooling.

***Friday* 6:30** we will have a discussion led by Deacon Norm in the meeting room of the hotel. We will have pizza and refreshments, typically around $10 pp

***Saturday* 10:00** presentation from Fr. Paul Gousse, Pastor of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church www.hrsl.org
We are on our own for lunch, several local restaurants available

1:00 Golf at Nippo Lake Golf Course www.nippolake.com
If golf is not your thing several of the guys enjoy hiking (plenty of great trails around)
5:00 Apps, cocktails, and dinner at Nippo Restaurant

***Sunday* 9:00** Fr. Paul's Mass at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary followed by breakfast and weekend wrap up.

Please contact Tim Reilly for further details. 203.417.7561, tdsbreilly@aol.com

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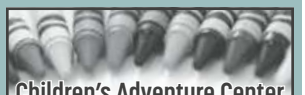

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